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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. ON APRIL 28 CHARGE MADE DEMARCHE ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES (REFTEL) TO ACTING SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MERVYN NORRISH. NORRISH SAID NEW ZEALAND HAS ALREADY TAKEN 26 REFUGEES CONSISTING OF "IN-LAWS" OF VIETNAMESE CITIZENS MARRIED TO NEW ZEALANDERS AND VIETNAMESE WHO EARLIER WORKED FOR NEW ZEALAND IN SOUTH VIETNAM. SOME PERSONS IN THESE CATEGORIES ARE STILL IN SAIGON. A BRISTOL FREIGHTER, WHICH WAS TO HAVE FLOWN FROM SINGAPORE TO SAIGON ON APRIL 26 TO PICK UP REMAINING VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE A NEW ZEALAND CONNECTION, DID NOT MAKE FLIGHT AS PLANNED BECAUSE OF A MIX-UP IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN WELLINGTON AND NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE MINISTER FRASER WHO HAS BEEN VISITING IN SINGAPORE. THERE ARE NO FURTHER PLANS TO SEND A NEW ZEALAND PLANE, SO ANY VIETNAMESE HOPING TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY WILL HAVE TO LEAVE VIETNAM
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THROUGH AMERICAN OR OTHER AUSPICES.

2. VIETNAMESE STUDENTS STUDYING IN NEW ZEALAND
PRESENT A PROBLEM TO GNZ. SOME OF STUDENTS WANT TO BRING
THEIR PARENTS AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO THIS COUNTRY.

ALTHOUGH NEW ZEALAND CONNECTION IS RELATIVELY TENUOUS,
GNZ WILL LOOK SYMPATHETICALLY ON PROBLEM PROVIDED FAMILIES
CAN SOMEHOW GET THEMSELVES OUT OF VIETNAM.

3. NORRISH SIAD GNZ HAS NOT MAKE A DECISION ON SOUTH
VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS IN WELLINGTON, ASSUMING SOME OF THESE
WANT TO REMAIN IN THIS COUNTRY. GNZ DOES NOT WISH TO
PREJUDICE ITS RELATIONS WITH SUCCESSOR REGIME IN VIETNAM,
BUT IT NEVERTHELESS PROBABLY WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO ACCEPTING
CLOSE RELATIVES OF DIPLOMATS HERE; AGAIN, ASSUMING THAT
THEY CAN LEAVE VIETNAM. TRADITIONAL NEW ZEALAND HUMANI-
TARIAN FEELINGS FOR THOSE IN AN UNFORTUNATE POSITION
WILL PROBABLY, IN NORRISH'S VIEW, GOVERN NEW ZEALAND DECISIONS
AFFECTING THIS CATEGORY OF PERSONS.

4. NORRISH BELIEVED THAT UNITED STATES WOULD FIND
NEW ZEALAND ATTITUDE TOWARDS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES SATISFACTORY.
ALTHOUGH GNZ HAD NOT MADE ANY FINAL DECISIONS, NORRISH FELT
THAT ANY APPROACH TO NEW ZEALAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES
BY ANY UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WOULD BE SYMPATHETICALLY RECEIVED.
IT HAD OCCURRED TO NORRISH THAT THERE WOULD BE A "HARD
CORE" OF REFUGEES NOT READILY ACCEPTABLE TO ANY COUNTRY.
HE COULD NOT COMMIT GNZ BUT FELT THAT IT WOULD WANT TO DO ITS
PART OF A UN APPEAL ON THEIR BEHALF WAS MADE.
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